

Office Of Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte Cityof San José Council District One

A Message from Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte

Happy New Year! First I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a healthy, happy and prosperous 2004. This is the first installment of the District One newsletter. We will provide you information on city resources, local and state legislation of interest, and updates on hot issues in San José and especially District One.

We have seen significant progress on traffic improvement projects in District One. The Winchester Median Island Project, Eden Avenue Traffic Calming, and Loma Linda Traffic Calming Projects will improve traffic safety and function as beautification projects for the area. We should also expect enhanced crosswalks at Westmont High School, and the intersection of Payne & Phelps in the Fall of 2004.

There have been many other notable achievements in our District in 2003. Among them: Funding of the Even Start Literacy Program; Festival in the Park (with Rainbow Park Tot-Lot dedication); Winchester and Blackford SNI Pride Days; opening of the new West Valley Library; a Small Business Resource Fair jointly hosted by the Office of Economic Development and the Redevelopment Agency; treeplantings and curb stencilings, and most importantly, thoughtful community input to help make all of this happen.

Many of you are aware that the state budget crisis has not been kind to the City of San José general fund deficit. As we look forward to 2004 my office is committed to seeing the glass as half full. San José remains a magnificent place, one with a rich

history of innovation. As an organization, the City of San José is talented, and committed to delivering core services to our citizens. The budget shortfall will necessitate cutbacks of people and programs. I am, however, certain that City staff will remain focused on delivering our core services at the highest possible level.

As always, if you have any questions or comments feel free to call or e-mail the District One Office.

Regards,

Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte

Neighborhood Associations

Neighborhood Development Center

Are you currently a member of your neighborhood association? Is your neighborhood thinking about starting an association? Would you like to learn more about how to effectively run your association, or how better to promote your association activities to the press? The Neighborhood Development Center can help. For more information, or to register for a class, call (408) 392-6771. The Neighborhood Development Center is located at 43 E. Gish Road, Suite 100.

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"Building 1 Community"

Current Issues

San Jose



Economic Development Strategy

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In November 2003, the San José City Council adopted a new Economic Development Strategy reflecting a vision for San José's economic future. It includes 15 strategic initiatives to ensure a growing economy, broad prosperity, and sufficient City revenues. Go to www.sjeconomy.com/publications/pressreleases.asp to read more about the strategy.



Citywide Activity Guide - Winter 2004

The Citywide Activity Guide provides "one-stop" shopping for recreation activities, leisure opportunities, and programs available to youth, adults, seniors, and persons with disabilities. Go to www.ci.san-jose.ca.us/prns/CAG%20index%20winter%202003.htm for more information or to register for programs and events.

SJLibrary.org





West Valley Library to have New Sunday Hours

The West Valley Library will now be open on Sunday afternoon's from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The hours will take effect January 4, 2004 and continue through the end of June 2004. To accommodate the new Sunday hours, weekday hours will be adjusted at all branch locations in San Jose. The new weekday hours will be:

Monday-Wednesday 11 a.m.- 8 p.m. Thursday – Saturday 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.

To learn more about library programs and services, log on to www.sjlibrary.org or call (408) 808-2000.

Upcoming Events

District-wide Community Summit

Join Councilmember LeZotte for a District One Community Summit. The summit will focus on the current City budget issues as well as District 1 priorities for 2004-2005.

Date: Saturday, February 7, 2004

Time: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Location: Moreland Community Center 1850 Fallbrook Avenue, San José

West Valley Library LEED Certification Celebration

This is the first library in the United States to be certified and it's the first City of San José facility to be certified. It is recognized for its energy conservation and leadership in energy and environmental design.

Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2004

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: West Valley Branch Library